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and in connection therewith deem it proper to state that the steamer in question, *Majestic*, runs from here to Duluth, touching en route at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and Fort William, Canada, the Lake Superior terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and where I understand there have been several smallpox cases recently.

Respectfully,

WM. SMALL,  
*Consul of the United States.*

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Inclosure No. 2.]

*Case of smallpox from steamer Majestic.*

COLLINGWOOD, ONTARIO, May 16, 1900.

SIR: Complying with your request, I beg to state that as a provincial health officer I have investigated the facts regarding the case of smallpox brought into Collingwood on steamer *Majestic* on evening of May 14, and find as follows:

1. I have examined patient and found him suffering from smallpox of a mild character, with a history of probable exposure from Michigan.

2. He sickened on May 12, and hence the crew may have been exposed during three days before arrival of steamer.

3. He was cook's assistant and was employed in kitchen; on being taken sick he was confined to his berth.

4. I have examined the steamer and find crew's quarters and kitchen wholly forward of main deck, which is completely cut off from the gangway by partitions and was wholly filled with freight.

5. There were 5 steerage and 1 first-class passenger whose locations are known.

6. Under supervision of the local medical health officer the forecastle and kitchen have been completely overhauled, having been disinfected by sulphur dioxide and live steam and subsequent washing down with strong soap and water. The man's clothing has been burnt and the bedding similarly disposed of.

7. The crew have all been vaccinated.

In view of the facts above recited I beg to report that, in my opinion, the ship with its crew may with safety be allowed to resume her regular trips.

PETER H. BRYCE, M. D.,  
*Secretary Provincial Board of Health.*

Mr. GEORGE WATSON, *Collector of Customs, Collingwood.*

*Smallpox at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that a telegram of the 22d instant has been received from the commercial agent at Sault Ste. Marie, which reads as follows, viz, "Smallpox at 2 leading hotels, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Contagions come from Port Arthur and Ottawa, Canada. Cases reported at Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Collingwood, and several points along Canadian Pacific Railway. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., desires quarantine."

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,  
*Secretary of State.*

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*U. S. transports to carry bill of health from medical officer Marine-Hospital Service.*

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., May 24, 1900.

Secretary War directs that every Government transport sailing for United States ports shall have a bill of health from medical officer of marine hospital on duty as quarantine officer at Manila.

CORBIN,  
*Adjutant-General.*

MACARTHUR, *Manila.*